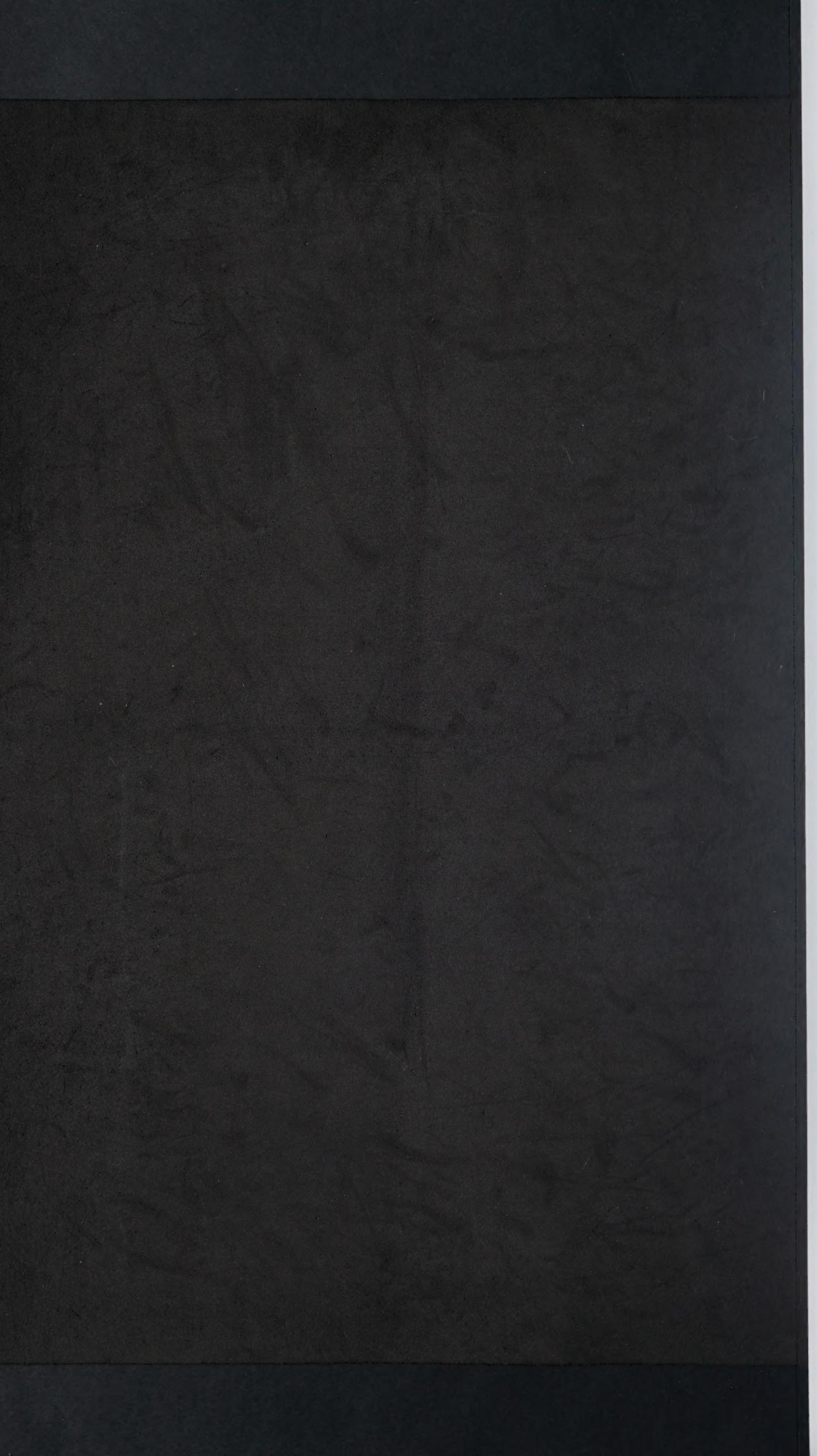


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May, 1980

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Memorial Day Parade

Monterey's Annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, May 26, at 1:00 PM. The Parade begins at the intersection of Sandisfield Road with Rt. 23, proceeds through town and ends with a flag ceremony in Greene Park. Hot dogs will be served to participants courtesy of the town. The Parade will be led by the American Legion Color Guard, Sheffield Post 340 accompanied by Legion Personnel. The Monterey Selectmen and Representatives of the Church will follow hand in hand with wreath bearers Jill Amstead, Sherry Field, and Livy Williams. Next will come the Mt. Everett

Marching Band, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, the Brownies, the Little League and the Pee Wees. Last of all will be whatever part of the equestrian population chooses to be represented this year. Don't miss it.

Energy Project Report

On Friday May 9th, the Monterey Energy Project took a large step towards its goal of compiling an inventory of energy resources here in town. With money raised through the donations of its members, the Project hired Jim Manwell, a Mechanical Engineer and Water Power consultant to the Franklin County Energy Conservation Task Force and the Tennessee Valley Authority, to visit potential small-scale hydroelectric sites.

A large group gathered at the Roadside Store at 11 o'clock that morning: Jim Manwell, Alan Silverstein, Joe Baker, Peter Murkett, Mickey Friedman, and a three-person film crew, Larry Engel of Otis, Lisa Decunning of Stockbridge, and John MacGruer of Sandisfield. Larry and John both teach Film at Columbia University in New York City. Friday's filming (color videotaping actually) marks the start of a planned documentary on the work of the Energy Project. The film crew plans to record much of Monterey Energy Day on Saturday May 31, so if you've always dreamt of Hollywood, this could be your chance.

Jim Manwell visited and recorded data at sites located off River Road, behind the General Store on Rt. 23, and on Wallace-Ford Rd. The majority of the sites, which Manwell measured for length of run, amount of water flow, and size of head (the distance the water falls), are located on the Konkapot River. Each of the sites had been previously developed as a source of water power sometime in the last century, and have since been abandoned. (The location of old powerhouses, used to produce mechanical energy for factories, can be recognized by large, hand-laid stone foundations located along the river banks of New England rivers and streams.)

Jim will return on Saturday May 31 at 10:00 AM in Greene Park for Monterey Energy Day, an all-day event sponsored by the Energy Project, Berkshire Alliance for Safe Energy, and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy. (A schedule of the day's forums, contests, workshops, and displays is included in this issue of the Monterey News) Jim will speak at the first forum, "The Energy Around Us" when he will present preliminary results of his findings to the Energy Project and the town.

Town Meeting

Town Meeting proceeded this year with characteristic vitality and unevenness. There was as much authority and direction from the Floor as from the Chair, and as always, neither source served to stave off chaos. Many increases in Budget Line Items provoked discussion, while others (such as the 2400% increase in Board of Health Salaries) were passed without question. Notable among large expenditures were the purchase of a \$35,790.00 Loader for the Highway Department and a \$7,000.00 Police Cruiser for the Police Department. A new line item was added to accommodate a new policy formed by the Southern Berkshire Regional School District and the Town. The Town will now share the upkeep and utilities of the building which

houses the Kindergarten and the Town Offices. The appropriation for this new item was \$2,140.00. An unexpected breakdown in the Town Grader necessitated an increase of the \$8,000.00 requested for Machinery and Tools to \$14,470.00. There was considerable discussion about a request for \$5,000.00 for Monterey's share to match State and Federal Funds for short-term corrective measures this year to alleviate the weed problem in Lake Buel. This action is linked to a larger plan to mount a long term program for weed control. The money approved unanimously by town vote is considered to be Monterey's statement of commitment to further study and work on the problems of town lakes.

The Total Budget voted at the meeting came to \$583,534.21. Information regarding monies which will be used to reduce the tax rate hasn't come in yet. Assessor Paul Thorn volunteered a "seat of the pants guesstimate" that taxes may go up 15% this year. Last year's total Budget was \$553,255.04. For more guesstimation, see the Assessor's Report below.

Assessors' Report

The Assessors report that in order to maintain "Full and Fair Cash Value" assessments, as ordered by the Commonwealth, all land values will be increased by about 30% and all other real estate values will be increased by about 20%. The resultant assessments will bring the Town in line with the state's tentative Equalized Valuation estimate of Town value assessments at \$32,830,000. Monterey's Assessors have recently sent a letter to the state questioning the accuracy of this estimate. Across the state the average increase in valuation has been 29%. Monterey, on the other hand, has increased by less than 25%.

Town Report

In an effort to comply with the expressed wishes of the Town, the Annual Report Committee will need all reports of Town Committees and Boards (1979-80) by July 7, 1980.

Police Thank You

Police Chief Doug Lyman has asked the Monterey News to convey his thanks to the people for their "full support" of the purchase of a new police cruiser. Bids are coming in, and a decision will be made about a vehicle as soon as possible.

We Love Monterey Meeting

On May 2, about 35 people met in the Church basement to talk about building a better Monterey. Joan Vogel and Heidi Woods reported from the Children's Committee on plans for a new playground, a summer playgroup and a babysitting exchange. Bill Vogel reported from the foods committee on their explorations into low energy using food storage and community gardening. Millie Walsh reported on the Monterey Directory which will be out for the summer listing skills and interests of Monterey residents. Linda Hock described the design for the proposed town bulletin board to be built between the store and Post Office. After discussion about this summer's I Love Monterey Day, a new committee was formed to orchestrate a whole summer of celebration in Monterey. (See full report on that committee on this page).

The next We Love Monterey Meeting is scheduled for June 6 at 7:30 in the Church Social Room. All interested are encouraged to come.

Summer Orchestration Committee

The Summer Orchestration Committee, an outgrowth of the recent "We Love Monterey" meeting in the Church Social Room, met for the first time on May 12 at the home of Dara Jenssen and Angie Wofford. Present were Virgil Brallier, Dara, Angie, Sharon Steinberg, Jill Friedman, Bonnie Walsh, and Judith Bach. Other members are Peggy Small and Linda Hock. Riding on the energy from last summer's "I Love Monterey Day", the committee has begun to plan a summerlong celebration, beginning with another version of "I Love Monterey Day", target date July 5. It will be chock full of events such as the famous parade and band, a craft fair with demonstrations, booths about colonial ways to grow and store food, speakers, contradance, folk singing, campfire, children's events, puppet show, poetry readings, movies, art exhibit, and lots more. The Historical Commission, the Monterey Energy Project, and the Festival of the Arts Committee and any of the other groups in town could exhibit. It will be a day for everyone to enjoy and participate. (We will not do a rain dance!)

The Grand Plan could be that Monterey's summer of community celebration could be kicked off on July 5 and many of the events enjoyed on that day could continue in various ways throughout the summer. There is so much joyous energy coming from our townspeople to share their talents, to participate in the cooperative growth of Monterey, to create ways to get to know each other better, and to help us learn more ways to survive together in a world where people are more isolated than ever. We are trying to re-learn the lessons in survival and self-reliance that our colonial forefathers and foremothers knew. We are trying to extend the concept of "family" in every direction. We need you, Monterey brothers and sisters, and welcome your participation, your ideas and your enthusiasm in the most fantastic summer ever!



On April 24 at Fairview Hospital, a son, Kareem, was born to the Hassam family. He is now living at Snow Cottage with his parents, brothers and sisters, and is looking strong and well. The Hassans expect soon to move to California.

Bernie De Lallo came to Gould Farm April 17 to join the work staff. She had heard about the Farm from her friend, Gayle Coppock, now a staff member, with whom she had attended high school in a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa. The farming and agricultural background here, offering an opportunity of working outdoors and with people fitted in well with Bernie's interests. She hopes to stay for about two years.

Under the leadership of Alexander and Olivia Drier, May Day was celebrated with zest and style. It began at the weekly community meeting, at one o'clock, when the program was announced.

From one-thirty until three in the afternoon there were special garden projects including planting cabbage and weeding the strawberry beds. At 3:00, there was dancing around the Maypole on the Little House lawn, followed by games and music. The dance was accompanied by recorders played by Gayle Coppock and Alexander. At 4:00, tea and cookies were served outside the main house. At six there was a gala supper - cheese souffle' and a very popular salad bar. Then people danced again around the May Pole. At 7:30 in the living-room, Gwynne Williams and Bob O'Gorman gave a puppet show, "Beauty and the Beast", using puppets they had made. This was enthusiastically received. All agreed that the puppets' dancing deserved first prize for the day.

On May 9th, the drama group, directed by Sally Kelly, produced a one-act play called "Not Fit for Man or Beast", an old-fashioned melodrama. The cast was as follows: Little Nell - Gwynne Williams; Maw - Fay Kravat; Guy Forsythe, Villain - Wayne Brandt; Baby Face - Richard Adamsky; Widder Clancy - Ellen Cahn; Paw - Irving Friedman; Handsome Hal Herbert - Richard Durham. The local audience found the play hilarious and the acting lively and very good throughout. Everyone was really excited about it, especially as we rarely have the chance to hear a play with lines that have been memorized. A cast party was given at the Kellys' home in Sheffield, May 11th.

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

The Monterey Grange met April 16 for a variety Program and there was a "Pig in the Poke" sale to benefit the building fund. Various fund raising events were discussed and will be held at a later date.

Monterey Grange has been invited to Booster night at Sandisfield grange #425 on April 17 - to Youth Night at Stockbridge Grange #295 April 25 and to Neighbor Night at Sheffield Grange #224 on May 6.

There will be a display at the Monterey library for grange week April 20 - 26. Other groups and the public are cordially invited to inspect it. The Board of Selectmen have proclaimed it National Grange Week. The roof repairs will start soon as the weather permits.

Conferred 3rd and 4th degrees on Teresa Callan on May 7. 3rd degree was conferred by Mary Wallace and ladies degree team and 4th Degree by Post Deputy David MacWhinnie and regular officers - Deputy Lucy A. Wuori was present for her official Visitation. There will be a fund raising day to benefit the grange on May 19 at Price Chopper. Members are asked to save Price Chopper labels.

Alice Burhan donated another lap robe which we donated to the Veteran Hospital in Albany. Next meeting will be May 21 8:15 when at a meeting open to the public, a Community Citizen Award will be presented to Mildred Walsh and a 50 yr. Jewel will be presented to Sister Loir Chopin Carpenter. Towns people are cordially invited. There will be a Ghost Stanley Party. Anyone wanting to place orders please call the lecturer at 528-0924.

Community Dinner

The May Community Dinner will be held on Wednesday May 28 at 6:30 PM in the church social room. For the program bring an object for auction, so that the fund for coffee rolls, etc. may be replenished. A short program of music is being arranged. Bring main dish, salad or dessert - but come!

DON'T GET LEFT OUT OF THE MONTEREY DIRECTORY! RETURN YOUR FORM TODAY!

Dance and Music Program in New Marlboro

The Center of the Light, (formerly Red Fox) opens with its 1980 summer program in June. Music was the focus of the previous camp there, and the Center will be continuing the spirit of music with a program of concerts and dances.

At 8:30 PM, on the first and third Thursday evenings of every month, starting in June, there will be a country dance with the Mountain Laurel Band, Penelope Naumann calling. Also, a series of classical music concerts are in the works, and will be announced.

In addition to these musical events, the Center offers a summer program of week long and weekend seminars in such fields as Herbs, crafts, vegetarian home cooking, etc. For information, call 229-2396

TRANSITIONS

Humans dread transitions. They are hard to do. We usually avoid them as long as we can.

What makes transitions so dreaded? During a time of transition it is easy to stumble - and sometimes fall on the face. Why are we so apt to get in trouble during a time of transition? First of all the rhythm changes. We have been marching to a familiar beat. Often with little warning, the beat changes. Immediately our head and feet become unsynchronized. It takes a bit of doing to get them working together again. A second source of trouble in transitions is that they often appear to us as a destructive force. Death is a great bringer of transitions. Since we usually have a negative view of death we pick up the dark side of the changes it brings and mix them up with feelings of grief.

However much we dread transitions life has a way of thrusting them upon us at irregular intervals. We grumble, complain and stall as long as we can, yet in the end we must get on with the changes life thrusts upon us. It has been said different ways, "the most unchanging fact of life is change itself."

Finally, the truth dawns upon us. The unceasing flow of change is the source of life's unfoldment. The opening, renewing dimensions of life come to us in the adaptations we must make as transitions are forced upon us. We begin by trying to slam the door shut on change. Yet we end by finding new qualities called forth in us and in others. I really do not intend to write a sonnet in praise of transition. It would be false to the facts to deny that much human suffering flows out of life's transitions. I would, however write a sonnet, if I could, in praise of the way I see people positioning themselves in the face of transitions. It is as though all transitions have within them both a positive and a negative charge. Some people have found the way to position themselves so that they find the positive side of transitions. Others, alas, are so caught in the spell of the negative that they find it impossible to see anything but the forboding, fearful side of things. It would be nice if I had a neat formula to aid all in grasping the positive side of transition, but I do not. Some people, however, do not think a life-time is too short to invest in developing this skill. Such an investment seems one of the most heartening enterprises a person can make.

Maybe some of our readers have noticed, the Monterey News is going through a time of transition. There has been a bit more stumbling lately. Sometimes you may have noticed that the order of things has been changed around. You didn't find things where you were accustomed to finding them. Or maybe you didn't find some things at all. Then, too, we have been unbalanced from time to time. We are in transition and the destabilizing effect cannot have been unnoticed.

The first source of our transition is that Patricia Howard has not been able to function in her position as editor. We have missed her hand at the tiller. (Read about her resignation elsewhere in this issue). As a result we have been winging it with a less orderly and less coherent pattern. A second major source of transition is a literal outburst of activity in Monterey that is changing the way we perceive what needs attention. The energy project has risen to the fore and rightfully, claims a good block of attention. In addition there are other community projects that are emerging, all crying out for attention. The Monterey News is in the process of adjusting "time and space" allotments to these newer emerging concerns while still trying to continue news of things traditionally covered. So if you have noticed a faltering and somewhat unsteady gait lately, you have been right in your observations.

We ask your patience as we pass through this time of transition. It is our intention to position ourselves toward the positive side of the changes we are going through. We believe that as this is accomplished the transitions we are experiencing will become a source of even greater service to the larger Monterey community. We appreciate your understanding as we complete this process.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE

Shane Keefe O'Connor, son of John David and Anne Marie O'Connor was baptized at the Monterey United Church of Christ on May 10. Godparents were Karen Skow and William Fenton III. Many persons, family and friends, gathered at the O'Connors Lake Garfield home following the baptism.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hellman and their son Adam moved to Monterey just this week from Brooklyn. They are living on Fairview Road. David is a lawyer and Penelope is a social worker specializing in family therapy. They expect in time to build their own home in Monterey.

Rudy and Linda Gero have moved to Monterey from Richmond and have purchased the house on Rt. 23 formerly owned by Pauline Roberts. Linda is a medical technologist in Fairview Hospital and Rudy is a planning supervisor in the engineering department at the Schweitzer Plant in Lee.

are better off when she exercises a sharp eye and pencil on style in writing.

Patricia was a poet in her own right. We were pleased when she would include one of her own poems in the Monterey News. We hope for her presence still through the medium of her poetry. She is currently getting a book of her poems published.

Patricia moved to North Egremont several months ago. We keep in active contact. She is still deeply interested in Monterey and in the people and events here. We consider her still a part of the Monterey family. She would be glad to hear from any of you who might wish to write to her. Her address is North Egremont, Mass. 01252

We salute you Patricia Howard. The Monterey News bears the indelible stamp of your caring. We are all the richer because of you.

Virgil V. Brallier

Ellen Pearson Named Editor

When a time of change came - and we could no longer avoid it - the choice was almost inevitable. Ellen Pearson has been writing most of the material for the front page of the Monterey News for several years. She has helped in times of pressure to hold things together and has jumped into the middle of many a squeeze in getting out the Monterey News. It became "official" that she was to serve as editor even as we were down to the deadline for getting out this issue.

You will come to know Ellen more and more as we go on. We have every confidence the Monterey News will continue serving our community well under her editorship. This issue is one in which we are "winging it". Those of us working on it still don't really know what it will look like. We won't know until finally it comes out the other end. Yet as time unfolds the imprint of Ellen on the Monterey News will come more and more clearly into place.

Mildred Walsh - Outstanding Citizen

Mildred Walsh is being given the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award by the Monterey Grange on May 21 at 8:15. The award is made to a person whose contributions both to family and to community have been noteworthy.

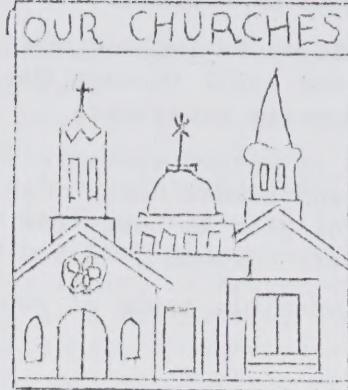
Since Milly and her son Brook opened for business in the Mobil Station on Main Road, Milly's status as a family person and her status as a community person have become intermingled in the minds of people who know her. You can stop there for a tank of gas and walk out of a cloud of gasoline fumes into the good smells of dinner cooking. Inside the station, you can talk recipes, child-rearing, local politics or the state of the world. Your kids can buy a candy bar or a health food juice, you can order a custom-cut block of cheddar cheese and Milly will hold your baby. As you take it all in, your attention might be called to the latest assortment of leaflets: food co-op order forms, evening classes in town, local projects. By the time you leave you're not sure whether you've been to the Chamber of Commerce or to Grandma's house.

Milly occupies a prime position in town. Her sister Lena called her place an "information booth". It is that and more. Once a man came in from Otis having cut his leg badly and not knowing what to do. Milly got him to a hospital. Another time a family pulled up in a huge camper which was much too big for their intended destination, Kinne's Grove. Milly found them a bigger camp. Milly's is a refuge and a place of exchange. Her business is very much an extension of her life. A living testimony to that fact is the Afar Oil delivery man. He carefully plans his route so that his delivery to Milly is made right before noon, because at that time he will be invited to eat lunch there.

Milly's involvements don't end with her business day. For years she was a fixture in the local church, Superintendent of Sunday School, active in the youth program, Sunday School teacher. According to Rev. Brallier, now minister of the United Church of Christ, Milly was indefatigable. Her contributions in energy, time and imagination were without limit. During those years, she was working as a hairdresser in Sheffield in addition to making the endless round of runs to and from after-school activities for her children. Lately she has been an invaluable part of the local food co-op, both as a member and a non-member, and most recently she has made contributions to the newly formed Monterey Energy Project. Mickey Friedman, co-leader of the Project, commended Milly's "terrific spirit" and described her as a person from whom it is possible to get a sense of what other people are doing and thinking. Milly is one of Monterey's touchstones.

Milly is a working model of New England virtues. She is hard working, thrifty and independent. She was born in the house where her mother still lives, right next to the Mobil station. Every night she cooks a supper for her mom and takes it over to her. According to Ellen Kinne (Milly's mom), Milly, the oldest of her three daughters has always been trustworthy and responsible. "She used to stand over me while I washed the baby," Mrs. Kinne says. Milly is Mother and friend to us all. She knows people. Joel Schick tells a little story which points up Milly's nicely focused take on humanity. In the early 70's, way before the routine gas shortages of today, Joel drove past the station and noticed a big sign in front of the pumps, saying "No More Gas". Next to that sign was another smaller sign which said, "But we have Wonderful Blueberries." Milly's fruitfulness is something to which all Monterey will attest.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES



Masses Schedule Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield, Saturday, 5:30 PM; Sunday, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM. Immaculate Conception, Mill River, Sunday 10:00 AM.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning Worship Each Sunday at 10:30 AM.

Pentecost is being celebrated on Sunday May 25 at the 10:30 morning worship.

Pentecost Sunday Pentecost is often spoken of as "the birthday of the church." The gift of the Holy Spirit is a central part of

the celebration. Worshippers are invited to bring a candle - any size or color - along with a holder for it. During the worship the candles will be brought forward by the worshippers, lighted and placed on the altar. Thus, will be represented, the kindling of each person's life by the Holy Spirit. All from the community are invited to share in this event.

Meditation And Prayer For a number of months a group has been gathering in the social room each Thursday from 7:30 to 8:00 AM for meditation and prayer. "All kinds and conditions" of people are welcome and come. The purpose is to take this time together before beginning the day's work. We keep adding chairs to the circle. We'd be glad to add one more for you.

Prayer Group Thursdays 7:45 PM at the home of Lucy Smith. This group has been in existence for a number of years. It welcomes people from the community who wish to share in its concern for the health and well-being of individual persons and the community. Prayer, it becomes evident, is a way of discovering, rediscovering and releasing energy into the life-stream of humanity.

Inquirer's Class An Inquirer's Class will begin on Wednesday, June 4th at 7:30 PM at the parsonage. It is for people who would like to consider becoming members of the Monterey Church. It is called an Inquirer's class precisely because it will be a time of "inquiring," questing, searching regarding the position of the self and one's relationship to the people of Christ in this community. All who would like to make this inquiry are invited.

Spring Clothing Drive The spring clothing drive brought an abundant supply of clothing out of the closets of Monterey. 550 pounds of clothing were packed and sent to Church World Service, which in turn will send it to places of need throughout the world. About 30 blankets were purchased from the money given. Thirty pounds of bandages were sent along with 23 hospital coats which the Ladie's Aid had prepared. Monterey had an excellent response to the Spring clothing drive. All who came and all who helped pack and prepare it are to be thanked.

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Patricia Howard - A Tribute

It is with a genuine sense of loss that the Monterey News says goodbye to Patricia Howard as its editor. This is a decision that has been arrived at with much reluctance. Several months ago Patricia asked to resign. Others of us on the staff have held off on accepting the resignation hoping that an unfolding of events might make it unnecessary. Now, however, that very unfolding has made it imperative. Patricia has been diagnosed as having Parkinson's Disease. Problems of muscular coordination have made the task impossible for several months. So, an era comes to an end.

The Monterey News made important strides during her editorship over the past eight years. It has grown steadily in circulation. The News has come to be so highly regarded as a medium of communication among Monterey people that if an event is to take place the first thought is, can we get it in the Monterey News? Although still a lot of volunteer help goes into getting out the News we have had to adopt various labor saving devices - and persons - to get the job done. Patricia has grappled with the various changes we have had to go through in order to keep the News serving the people of Monterey. She has "hung in there" when the going was tough. Time and again she has fought through difficult muscular coordination problems in order to see that an issue was out on schedule. A hearty tribute is due for her plucky spirit of holding on often when holding on was hard to do. She served against more physical hardship toward the end than any of us had a right to ask her. Yet, we rejoice that she did.

As managing editor, I want to pay tribute for her invaluable contributions to me personally. She was an excellent critic of writing style. She struggled with my lapses into redundancy and wordiness. She kept pushing me to be more terse - and she showed me how to get to the point. If my style has improved it has been largely due to her constructive criticism of style. In the past few years she has exercised this function much less often. Yet I am under no illusion, both I and the readers



Cub Scouts Both Dens 1 and 2 held their Pack Meeting on May 9 at the American Legion Post in New Marlboro. The boys in Den 2 made corsages for their mothers in celebration of Mother's Day. They presented them to their mothers at the Pack Meeting. The following boys from Monterey received awards at the meeting: Douglas Brown-Gold and Silver arrows; John Blanchard - Gold Arrow; Steven Funk - Gold and Silver arrows; Joel Kalodner - Gold and Silver arrows; Fred Vorck - Gold and Silver arrows and; Scotty Sheridan - Wolf Badge.

Dens 1 and 2 also invited any interested second grade boys to a special meeting at New Marlboro School on May 16. Here, these interested boys were told about what to expect in Cub Scouting next year.

Both Dens are also participating in the Vial of Life Program. They are distributing the vial to senior citizens, handicaps, and people that live alone. The local Fire Department and Ambulance Squad are cooperating in this program. Basically, the program is provided in order to supply rescue departments with emergency medical information. A vial, which holds the emergency information, is placed in the refrigerator and a sticker is placed on the front entrance to indicate that the vial is in the refrigerator. They will be distributing these vials throughout the summer.

Den 1 went swimming at the Kolburne School pool while Kolburne School was on vacation. Den 2 will end its meetings for this year on May 23. However, some of the boys will be marching in Monterey Memorial Parade.

Webelos A leader has been found to run the Webelos next year. Don Blanchard, of Rt. 23 in Monterey will be in charge of the Webelos Den next year.

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies On April 17, the Brownies completed their study of batik. They ironed the wax out of the beautiful batik wall hanging Peggy Small created for them and they hung it in a place of honor. April 26th was town clean-up day. Tammy Amstead, Anne Marie Makuc, Nancy Phillips, Meghan Bradley, and Shelby and Brooke Loder all participated. Their territory was Blue Hill Road from the Gt. Barrington line to Route 23 and they did a super job - if they do say so! The May 1st meeting was spent reviewing the Brownie B chart to see how each of the girls had completed the twelve requirements for the Brownie B patch.

On May 8 the girls made invitations to the annual Court of Awards Ceremony and Pot Luck Supper to be held in the church basement on May 21 at 6:00 PM. Brownie troop #237 and Junior troop #460 will be the hostesses for this affair. On May 15th, each girl made individual placemats for family members attending the Pot Luck Supper. They also entertained two young ladies, Livy Williams and Jill Amstead, who will join the troop officially in the Fall.

Juniors and Cadettes Six of the girls in the Junior troop #460 attended a Chimo weekend on May 9-11. All of the girls enjoyed the camping experience. And, the troop is planning their own camping trip at Camp Bigford for an upcoming event. This troop also participated, as stated earlier, in the Court of Awards and Pot Luck Supper held on May 21. The Juniors are planning to end this years meetings in early June.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Little league has also started up this year in Monterey. The Monterey Yankees played their first game of the season on May 21 against the Sheffield Braves in Sheffield. Their first home game is on May 27, against the Sheffield Giants at Greene Park.

OPEN HOUSES AND SCHOOL NEWS

On Tuesday, May 21th, an Open House was held at the New Marlboro Central School from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. This was an opportunity for parents and friends to visit the classrooms, meet the teachers and see the work their children are doing in school. The Monterey-New Marlboro PTA held a bake sale during the Open House to benefit the 4th grade field trip to the Hancock Shaker Village.

Open House at the Monterey Kindergarten was held on May 15. Mrs. Susan Anderson, Monterey Kindergarten teacher, will be on maternity leave from May 21 until the end of the school year. She will be replaced by Mrs. Linda Briggs Haapanen.

The 3rd and 4th grade field trip to the Pleasant Valley Sanctuary will be held on Wednesday June 4th.

Kevin Bradley
Youth Editor

Monterey Youth Choir

If you are 7 to 13 yr. old and love to sing, come join the Monterey Youth Choir. Experience the fun and joy of sharing song with others. For further information contact Joan Vogel at 528-3899.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Melser, Paul Zerra, Robert Weitz.

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

LORD, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will some day be old.

KEEP ME from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

RELEASE ME from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

MAKE ME thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all -- but Thou knowest, Lord, I want a few friends at the end.

KEEP MY mind free from the recital of endless details. Give me wings to get to the point.

SEAL MY lips on my many aches and pains. They are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I ASK for grace enough to listen to tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

TEACH ME the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible I may be mistaken.

KEEP ME reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint -- some of them are so hard to live with, but a sour old individual is one of the crowning works of the devil.

HELP ME to extract all possible fun out of life. There are so many funny things around us, and I don't want to miss any of them. --- Amen!

--from the Steeple News, Brewer, Maine

"The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of charity and love, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbor who lives at the roadside assaulted by exploitation, corruption, poverty and disease."

-- Mother Teresa

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